

SENATOR FENGER: Well, to Senator Chambers I would suggest that his motion to indefinitely postpone was probably needless. I am not heavily involved in this issue either way but I have put about 300 sets of these studs in and I can tell you that Senator Newell ineffectively killed the bill with the amendment before Senator Chambers tried to a little more openly. Now there are two wholesale TBA dealers on this floor. If anything I say is in error I want them to stand and correct me, but when we get studded snow tires, we do not get studded snow tires as retailers. We get tires manufactured by manufacturers with holes in them. We then get studs and we get a stud gun and we put the studs in. Now if Senator Newell's amendment, and I couldn't vote for it because I didn't understand it, but there were 25 lights and it is part of the law and that concerned me, if his amendment had the effect of reducing the diameter of those studs and the manufacturer doesn't adjust the holes where those studs go, we are not going to have any studded snow tires. We are going to have a bunch of loose studs in tires and they are going to get out the first time you roll them. On the other hand if the amendment said you are going to reduce the length of those studs from five sixteenths to a quarter inch, then I submit to every member of this body that if you take a quarter inch stud and put it in a quarter inch hole, and that is what they are, you have got studded snow tires but you haven't got any studs showing. So as I said, I am not heavily involved but for the information of this body the bill that you are looking at to go on Final Reading is in my view totally meaningless and totally not answering the question of the people who do want studded snow tires. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I originally rose to put my light on to speak to Senator Labeledz accusations that my staff had mutinied but I now have a more serious question in mind. Senator Fenger, I can honestly tell you that the idea of reducing the size of the studs came from the professor from Washington who indicated that that was the new generation studded snow tires and that that was the size that would be utilized. I will not pretend to not be gleeful if in fact what you say is true because I am not supporting this bill but I don't believe it is and I guess that is unfortunate for me and not necessarily for you. Now I am sure that that question can be answered more clearly but as my understanding is that is the new generation size of